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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6616
BILL NUMBER: SB 269

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 20, 2009
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Various Public Safety Commissions.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Arnold
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Emergency Management Contingency Fund.* This bill specifies the manner of approval for allocations from the Emergency Management Contingency Fund.

Designees. It allows certain members of (1) the Homeland Security Foundation; (2) local emergency planning committees; and (3) the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education; to appoint designees.

Amusement and Entertainment Permits. It provides that all amusement and entertainment permits expire one year after the date of issuance.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Emergency Management Contingency Fund.* The fund consists of money appropriated by the General Assembly. Under current law, money in the fund must be held in reserve and allocated for emergency management purposes upon recommendation of the director of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the approval of the Governor, and the Budget Committee. The proposal provides that an allocation of not more than \$100,000 can be approved by the director and the budget director. Allocations of more than \$100,000 must have the recommendation of the director and the approval of the Governor and the Budget Agency. This change is procedural and should not have a significant fiscal impact.

Designees. Allowing voting members to appoint designees should not have an impact.

Amusement and Entertainment Permits. The bill provides that permits issued after June 30, 2009, expire one

year after the date of issuance. This provision will not have a significant impact. Currently, permits expire after one year; however, the expiration date is the same for all permits. Providing that the permits expire after one year could allow more time for the processing of applications for renewal and inspections.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Designees.* Allowing a local emergency planning committee member to appoint a designee should have little, if any, impact on local expenditures.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DHS.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, municipalities, and townships.

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